

## Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 NEW DE 08528 241304Z

44

ACTION NEA-12

INFO OCT-01 EUR-25 ADP-00 OMB-01 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-07

H-03 INR-10 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-10 PA-03 RSC-01 PRS-01

SS-15 USIA-15 AID-20 RSR-01 /128 W

----- 039139

R 240630Z JUL 73

FM AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI

TO AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD

SECSTATE WASHDC 5731

INFO AMEMBASSY DACCA

AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

AMEMBASSY LONDON

UNCLAS NEW DELHI 8528

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR IN PK BG

SUBJECT: BHUTTO INTERVIEW WITH INDIAN JOURNALIST

1. INDIAN EXPRESS JUNE 20 CARRIED FULL TEXT OF LONG INTERVIEW BETWEEN KUSHWANT SINGH, EDITOR OF ILLUSTRATED WEEKLY, AND BHUTTO JULY 11. MAIN POINTS OF INTERVIEW WERE GENERALLY POSITIVE IN TONE.

2. BHUTTO FELT PAKISTAN'S BAD RELATIONS WITH INDIA WERE "BIG BLOT" IN HIS FOREIGN POLICY.

3. POW TRIALS WOULD EXCITE, ANNOY, AND ANGER PAKISTANI PEOPLE. "IT WILL VITIATE THE WHOLE ATMOSPHERE...IT WILL RELEASE SUCH CONTROLLABLE FORCES AND GIVE RISE TO THE CRUELEST FORM OF FANATACISM AND CHAUVINISM." BHUTTO SAID HE WOULD CONSIDER SETTING UP TRIBUNALS IN PAKISTAN. "WE DO NOT WANT TO ALLOW PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN GUILTY OF WRONGS TO GO UNPUNISHED."

4. BHUTTO IS PREPARED TO NEGOTIATE THE BIHARI PROBLEM. HE DOES NOT SAY THE PROBLEM DOES NOT EXIST OR THAT THE DOORS ARE CLOSED BUT IS PREPARED TO NEGOTIATE "RATIONALLY AND IN THE SPIRIT OF REASONABLE GIVE

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 NEW DE 08528 241304Z

AND TAKE."

5. ON IRAN, BHUTTO SAID THERE "IS NOT MILITARY ALLIANCE TODAY BUT IT MIGHT BECOME A MILITARY ALLIANCE OF (INDIA AND PAKISTAN) KEEP TURNING OUR BACKS TO EACH OTHER AND KEEP MAKING A NEGATIVE APPROACH."

6. ON KASHMIR, BHUTTO WAS CATEGORICAL THAT PAKISTAN COULD NOT ACCEPT THE PRESENT FRONTIERS. KASHMIR COULD BE DISCUSSED BUT PAKISTAN COULD NOT ACCEPT THE PRESENT "CEASE-FIRE LINE AND MAKE IT INTO AN INTERNATIONAL LINE. THAT IS NOT POSSIBLE."

7. BHUTTO DENIED HE HAD AGREED AT SIMLA TO RECOGNIZE BANGLADESH AS SOON AS HE RETURNED, SAYING "THE QUESTION OF BANGLADESH ALSO CAME UP IN OUR CONVERSATIONS AND THERE I SAID, IN A DINNER MEETING, NOT EVEN ON A CONFERENCE TABLE (SIC), THAT MY MIND WAS MOVING IN THE DIRECTION OF TAKING THE BANGLADESH PROBLEM TO THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SOMETIME IN AUGUST...I WAS THINKING ALOUD." HE TOOK CREDIT FOR PUSHING THE RESOLUTION THROUGH, NOTING THAT "NOT A SINGLE MEMBER OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE WAS IN A POSITION TO SUPPORT THE POINT THAT WE SHOULD TAKE THE BANGLADESH ISSUE TO THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY IN AUGUST." MOYNIHAN

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 JAN 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** n/a  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 24 JUL 1973  
**Decaption Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** n/a  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Authority:** n/a  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:**  
**Disposition Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1973NEWDE08528  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** N/A  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Film Number:** n/a  
**From:** NEW DELHI  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1973/newtext/t19730714/aaaaakdr.tel  
**Line Count:** 82  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE  
**Office:** ACTION NEA  
**Original Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:**  
**Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** n/a  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Authority:** shawdg  
**Review Comment:** n/a  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 05 NOV 2001  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review History:** RELEASED <05-Nov-2001 by bryansd0>; APPROVED <11 FEB 2002 by shawdg>  
**Review Markings:**

Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
30 JUN 2005

**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Referrals:** n/a  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** BHUTTO INTERVIEW WITH INDIAN JOURNALIST  
**TAGS:** PFOR, IN, PK, BG  
**To:** n/a  
**Type:** TE  
**Markings:** Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005